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Step by Step Guide

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Step 1: Request a trial by written declaration or in-person trial

- Contact the court listed on your citation within the designated time frame, usually within 21 days of receiving the citation.
- Request a trial by written declaration or in-person trial depending on your preference and availability.
- Follow the court's instructions for requesting a trial, which may include filling out a form or submitting a written request.

Step 2: Gather evidence to support your case

- Collect witness statements from anyone who was present at the time of the citation and can support your defense.
- Take photographs or gather any other relevant documentation that may help your case, such as a map of the area or weather reports.

Step 3: Prepare a written statement outlining your defense

- Write a detailed statement explaining your defense and why you believe the citation was issued in error.
- Be sure to include any relevant evidence that supports your defense.
- Submit your written statement and supporting evidence to the court as instructed.

Step 4: Schedule an in-person trial

- If you have requested an in-person trial, schedule a court date with the court.
- Make sure to arrive at the courthouse on time for your trial.

Step 5: Present your case in front of a judge or traffic commissioner

- Arrive at the courthouse on time and check in with the court clerk.
- Wait for your case to be called.
- When your case is called, approach the bench and introduce yourself to the judge or commissioner.
- Present your evidence and defense to the judge or commissioner, explaining why you believe the citation was issued in error.
- Answer any questions the judge or commissioner may have.

Step 6: Outcome of the trial

- If the judge or commissioner finds you not guilty, your citation will be dismissed and you will not have to pay the fine.
- If you are found guilty, you may be able to appeal the decision.

Step 7: Option to appeal the decision

- If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the trial, you may be able to appeal the decision by filing a notice of appeal within 30 days of the trial decision.
- Follow the court's instructions for filing an appeal, which may include filling out a form or submitting a written request.

Step 8: Attend any additional court dates and follow instructions from the court

- If you have appealed the decision, attend any additional court dates as scheduled.
- Follow any instructions provided by the court throughout the appeal process.

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